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MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR MALAYSIA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Government has agreed to provide the additional military equipment recently asked for by the Malaysian Government.

The supplies requested are of a type already being provided to Malaysia under the existing Defence Aid Programme, and include rifles, communication equipment, life jackets and small boats for patrolling inland waterways.

Supply of the equipment accords with our policy of helping the Malaysian Government to build up its own armed forces and it will be charged against the funds already provided by Parliament for the Defence Aid Programme.

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